

then the child is not the applicant's dependent. The term "natural child" includes any illegitimate child claimed by the applicant to be his/her child or judged to be his/her child by court order.

(iii) Stepchild of the applicant who resides with the applicant if the stepchild is under 18 years of age.

(iv) Any other person who is dependent on the applicant for over one-half of his/her support.

(10) *Applicant without a spouse.* An applicant who is unmarried, is divorced, is legally separated, whose spouse is deceased; has deserted applicant, is incarcerated, is not residing permanently with applicant, or applicant has sole custody of the dependent(s).

(c) *Delayed Entry Program (DEP).* The Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command (USAREC) is authorized by 10 U.S.C. 5-11a to organize and administer DEP. Applicants enlisted in DEP are assigned to the United States Army Reserve (USAR) Control Group (Delayed Entry). Only qualified applicants who agree to subsequently enlist in the Regular Army may enlist in DEP.

§ 571.2 Basic qualifications for enlistment.

(a) *Age requirements.* (1) Non-prior service. Applicants must be 17 to 34 years old, inclusive.

(2) Prior service. Applicants must be 17 to 34 years old. If 35 or older but less than 55 years, they will qualify if they:

(i) Have a minimum of 3 years honorable active service in any one of the Armed Forces, with at least 1 or more days of Army service.

(ii) Be not less than 35 years old plus the number of completed years of prior honorable active military service.

(3) Exceptions. Applicants will be exempt from the above age requirements if they can qualify for retirement by age 60, are not 55 or older with 20 or more years of active service, and if they are:

(i) Honorably discharged active duty commissioned or warrant officers who enlist within 6 months after their separation date or who were awarded the Medal of Honor, Silver Star, or the Distinguished Service Cross.

(ii) Enlisted members who separate from the Regular Army with an honorable or general discharge and reenlist within 3 months after separation date.

(4) Parental consent. The written consent of parents or legal guardian is required for applicants under 18 years of age.

(b) *Citizenship requirements.* The applicant must be:

(1) A citizen of the United States, or

(2) An alien who has been lawfully admitted to the United States as a permanent resident, or

(3) A National of the United States (Citizen of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa or the Virgin Islands).

(c) *Trainability requirements.* (1) Non-prior service. For enlistment in mental group category I-III applicants must have a high school diploma (HSD) or General Education Development (GED) Certificate. HSD or GED scores must be 90 or above in one or more aptitude areas in Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) tests. Mental group IV requires two. Non-high-school graduates (NHSG) in mental group I-IIIA require two. Applicants must meet all other criteria for the option they wish to select. (See § 571.2(c)(3).)

(2) Prior service. Applicants must meet the mental requirements in paragraph (c)(3) of this section, or qualify for exemption from these requirements through:

(i) Award of the Medal of Honor.

(ii) Award of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Silver Star Medal, with less than 20 years of active military service.

(iii) Partially disabling combat-wounds with less than 20 years of active military service.

(3) Mental categories and eligibility for enlistment.

Applicant	Age	Education level ¹	Mental category ²	Enlistment eligibility ³		Remarks
				DEP	RA	
NPS—male	17	HSG GED GED	I–IVB I–IIIA IIIB–IV	Yes Yes	Yes No Yes No	10th grade minimum unless over 22 years old, then 11th grade minimum.
NPS—male	18 or older.	HSG GED GED	I–IVB I–IIIB IV	Yes Yes No	Yes Yes No	10th grade minimum unless over 22 years old, then 11th grade minimum.
NPS—female .....	.....	HSG	WST 50 or higher ..	Yes	Yes	Eligible for RA if graduates.
Prior service—male ....	.....	HSG GED NHSG	I–IIIB and three aptitude scores of 90 or higher.	Yes Yes No	Yes Yes No	If female is a member of USAR/ ARNG prior to RA enlistment, a minimum Womens Selection Test (WST) score of 50 is required in addition to 3 aptitude scores of 90 or higher.
Prior service—female ..	.....	HSG GED NHSG	Three aptitude scores of 90 or higher.	Yes Yes No	Yes Yes No	

¹ Education definitions:

a. High school graduate (HSG). An applicant who has graduated from an accredited high school with a diploma, a certificate of graduation, or statement of completion.

b. General Education Development (GED) equivalency. An applicant who has evidence of completion of the high school level GED equivalency.

c. Non-high school graduate (NHSG) and high school senior (HSSR). Self explanatory.

² CAT I 93–100, CAT II 65–92, CAT IIIA 50–64, CAT IIIB 31–49, CAT IVA 21–30, CAT IVB 16–20.

³ Applicants must meet the additional prerequisites for training in the selected military occupational specialty (MOS) as indicated by the option and REQUEST System.

(d) *Education requirement.* (1) Applicants must meet the following educational requirements of the specific enlistment option.

(i) Female applicants must be high school graduates.

(ii) Male applicants, 17–22 years of age, must have successfully completed the 10th grade or equivalent. Males, 23 or older at time of entry on active duty, must have successfully completed the 11th grade or equivalent.

(iii) Aliens completing high school requirements in foreign countries must take the GED or have obtained an evaluation in accordance with table 2–5, note 5d, AR 601–210 to be considered a high school graduate for enlistment purposes.

(iv) Minimum education requirements, in a foreign country, given in paragraph (d)(1)(iii) of this section are the same in the United States.

(2) Prior service applicant must either:

(i) Possess a diploma or certificate of graduation from high school; or

(ii) Present documentation of successful completion of high school level or higher GED equivalency.

(e) *Physical requirements.* (1) The applicant must:

(i) Meet the enlistment physical fitness standards given in chapter 2, AR 40–501.

(ii) Meet any additional requirement of the specific enlistment option.

(iii) Request a waiver if the AFEES medical examining officer decides an exception to medical standards is appropriate.

(2) Prior service applicants must meet the weight standards in appendix A, AR 600–9 and

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(i) The retention medical fitness standards in chapter 3, AR 40-501, if applicant enlists within 6 months of RA separation.

(ii) The enlistment medical fitness standards in chapter 2, AR 40-501 (except the weight standards of paragraph 2-22, AR 40-501) if applicants enlist 6 months from the last RA separation date, or if applicants last separated from another service or component and meets the weight tables in appendix A, AR 600-9.

(iii) The retention medical fitness standards in chapter 3, AR 40-501 if applicant is an active member of USAR/ARNG unit and meets the weight tables at appendix A, AR 600-9.

(iv) Any additional requirements for the specific enlistment option.

(f) *Dependent criteria.* (1) The applicant may have only three dependents (see paragraphs (f)(1) and (iii) of this section).

(i) An applicant without a spouse who has one or more dependents under 18 years of age is disqualified, except as noted in paragraphs (f)(1) (ii) and (iii) of this section. No waiver is authorized.

(ii) An applicant may be enlisted when dependent children are in the custody of the other parent by court order, and the applicant is not required to provide child support. No waiver is required.

(iii) An applicant, required to pay child support for no more than 2 dependents under 18 years of age when dependents are in the other parent's custody by court order, may enlist without waiver.

(iv) In meritorious cases, an applicant with a spouse may request waiver of paragraph (f)(1) of this section.

(v) Husband and wife teams who have one or more dependents under 18 years of age are disqualified. No waiver is authorized.

(vi) An applicant with a spouse on active duty with any Service who has 1 or more dependents under 18 years of age is disqualified.

(2) Prior service. Same as non-prior service for pay grades E-1 through E-3. If eligible for pay grade E-4 or higher, may enlist without regard to number and ages of dependents. However, the provisions of paragraphs (f) (i), (ii),

(iii), (v), and (vi) of this part for applicants without prior service apply.

§ 571.3 Waivable enlistment criteria including civil offenses.

(a) *Waivers of enlistment eligibility criteria*—(1) *General.* This section gives the procedures for initiating and processing requests for waiver to meet the basic qualifications for enlistment.

(2) *All waiver authority.* The Commander, U.S. Army Enlistment Eligibility Activity (USAEAA) may act for the Commanding General, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center (MILPERCEN) to process, approve and disapprove waivers for enlistment.

(3) *Waiver disapproval authority.* The responsibility for deciding if a waiver request warrants favorable consideration rests at all levels.

(4) *Validity period.* Unless otherwise stated in the waiver document, waivers are valid for 6 months.

(5) *Waiver approval authorities—eligibility criteria.*

If disqualification is—	Then approval authority is—
(i) Medical:	
Non-prior service.	CG, USAREC
Prior service	CG, MILPERCEN
(ii) Underweight or overweight (+ or - 5 lbs.):	
Non-prior service.	AFEES Senior Medical Officer
Prior service.	None. Prior service applicants enlisting in DEP or active Army must meet the AR 600-9 weight standards. No waivers are authorized.
(iii) Dependents.	CG, MILPERCEN
(iv) AWOL:	
Lost time 1-15 days.	CDR, District Recruiting Command (DRC)
Lost time over 15 days.	CG, MILPERCEN
(v) Previous discharge for dependency or hardship.	CG, MILPERCEN